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SUBJECT: IRANIAN DESIGNATIONS DEMARCHE DELIVERED

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¶1. (U) PolOff delivered reftel points to GODJ Ministry of Foreign Affairs Deputy Director of Bilateral Relations Youssouf Aden Moussa on August 27.

¶2. (SBU) Moussa said that he would transmit the designations to the relevant authorities, including the Central Bank of Djibouti.

¶3. (C) COMMENT: On August 25, EmbOffs were told that several senior officers in the Djiboutian Armed Forces, including CHOD Major General Fathi, Navy Commander Col. Cher, and Air Force Commander Col. Abrar, were traveling to Iran for consultations. This visit follows a similar trip to Iran by Eritrean military officials, and may be related to the ongoing Eritrea-Djibouti border dispute at Ras Doumeira. END COMMENT.

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